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S/ES-O, REASON 1.4 (B) AND (D)

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STILL NO DEAL IN DOHA  
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1. (SBU) Media report Qatari-led mediators gave Lebanese political leaders until May 21 to respond to two proposals aimed at resolving the ongoing political crisis between the governing March 14 coalition and the Hizballah-led opposition. According to post, both proposals support the election of LAF General Sleiman as president and envision 16 cabinet seats for the majority, three for the president, and 11 for the opposition. The law governing electoral districts in Beirut remains a sticking point. (Beirut 729, Reuters)

2. (C) A promised Qatari proposal on Hizballah arms has yet to materialize. The opposition continues to thwart the majority's attempts to secure some sort of commitment, although backroom discussions continue on this issue. (Beirut 729)

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EMBASSY CONSIDERS OPTIONS FOR RESUPPLY  
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¶3. (S) Embassy Beirut reports the Lebanese government denied clearance for a May 21 helicopter support flight, in an apparent attempt to get the embassy to resume use of Beirut International Airport (BIA). The embassy and CENTOM are assessing the security implications of the use of BIA by mission personnel and U.S. military aircraft. Post is investigating the use of commercial airlines to transport official personnel through BIA.  
(Ops/Embassy Beirut telcon)

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TRAVEL WARNING UPDATED, AMCITS CALM  
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¶4. (SBU) Post issued an updated Travel Warning advising Americans of the risks of travel to Lebanon. There have been no additional inquiries from American citizens seeking departure assistance. Post notes journalist husband of an AmCit resident received death threats from Hizballah for supporting March 14. Other Lebanese journalists also report being harassed and threatened.  
(Ops/Embassy Beirut telcon)

¶5. (U) Minimize considered.  
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